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SUBJECT: NSCID's #1 and #5

1. Now that #1 has been revised to put the responsibility for implementation of NSCID's and DCID's into command channels; in the new wording the NSC, in effect, tells the Sec. Def. and others that "Such directives, when applicable, will be implemented within the departments and agencies of the government", we do not have to worry so much about a specific wording on the subject of "coordination" in NSCID #5.

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2. Unless we put wording into #5 which indicates that all other NSCID's concern overt matters, then the power of DCID 5/2 will be established by #1 and have the full weight of a NSCID itself. In addition, and this is most important, we will in the "agreed activities" field have the power of para. 14 of NSCID #1 which says that the DCI or his representatives can make surveys "such departmental of the ~~Departmental~~ intelligence activities of the other departments and agencies as he may deem necessary in connection with his duty to advise the NSC and to coordinate the intelligence effort of the United States". Those are priceless words that are underlined and we should do nothing to upset their full application to NSCID #5 and DCID 5/2. I am pointing this item out to [redacted] he is rather keen on having the clause in that would make NSCID #1 non-applicable to the agreed activities field - what a revolting development that would be.

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